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Two Folk Icons Share Stage at Happy Days

Brecksville, Ohio - On Saturday, May 26, 2007, Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) welcome Peggy Seeger and John McCutcheon for the finale of this season's Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Concert Series. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at Happy Days Visitor Center. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. Admission: \$20 adults, \$18 CVNPA members, and \$10 children 3 - 12. Doors open at 7 p.m. General seating. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657- 2909.

With more than 20 solo discs and 100 recordings with other performers, Peggy Seeger is considered to be among North America's finest female folksingers. Having taken a leading role in the British folk music revival, not only as a singer and instrumentalist but as a theorist and songwriter, Peggy has the spectacular ability to deliver her classic folk work in a timeless fashion audiences love. Peggy, a member of the North American musical Seeger family, is a singer of traditional Anglo- American songs and activist songmaker and plays six instruments: piano, guitar, 5- string banjo, Appalachian dulcimer, autoharp, and English concertina.

John McCutcheon is a master of a dozen different traditional instruments and his songwriting ability has been hailed by critics and singers around the globe. John's twenty- four recordings have garnered every imaginable honor, including five Grammy nominations. He has produced over twenty albums of other artists, from traditional fiddlers to contemporary singer- songwriters to educational and documentary works. Whether traditional or from John's huge catalog of original songs, his music has the profound mark of place, family, and strength.

This concert in being held in partnership with the Ramblin' River Retreat for Songmaking. The retreat, held on Friday, May 25 through Sunday May 27, combines local, regional, and nationally-recognized talents Hal Walker, Michael Grady, Sally Potter, and folk icons Peggy Seeger and John McCutcheon for a weekend of workshops and concerts dedicated to the arts of writing, singing, and performing song. For more information visit www.ramblinriver.com.

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To obtain a digital image of Peggy Seeger or John McCutcheon, contact Karen Kopchak at karen_kopchak@nps.gov or (440) 546-5994.

Happy Days Visitor Center is located at 500 West Streetsboro in Peninsula, I mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and ranger-led programs.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216)524-1497 or (800)445-9667.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and CVNP, provides innovative education programs and fosters community awareness, support, and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.